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MEMORANDUM FOR: Logistics Office/Procurement Division/Admin &
 Inspection Branch

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Time on Contract RD-45-SA,
 Task No. XIII, with [redacted]
 [redacted]

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1. It is felt that the Contractor's request for a time extension on Contract RD-45-SA, Task No. XIII, is reasonable and that it is in the best interests of the Agency to allow the Contractor the additional time on this project. The Contractor's performance to date has been satisfactory and this request for a time extension does not reflect any deficiencies in the execution of the work.

2. This project involves the creation of new methods in an attempt to fulfill certain needs. In contrast to contracts which involve merely the reproduction of things which are already known, these contracts can hardly be held to prior time estimates. The interests of the Agency are best served by the successful completion of the projects rather than by the hurried completion by an arbitrary date.

3. It is requested that appropriate action be taken to extend Task No. XIII under Contract RD-45-SA, to 25 March 1955. No additional funds will be required to complete the work under this program.

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[redacted]
 Chief
 Mechanical Division, TSS

DD/P/TSS/MD [redacted]

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Attachment:

Proposal dtd. 22 November 1954

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Request for Change of Expiration Date on

Phase I of

Research Order #13

According to our order from [redacted]
[redacted] the present expiration date of Phase I of this
Research Order is 25 December 1954.

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In order to adequately determine the feasibility of the item under development during Phase I, an extension to 25 March 1955 is requested. While funds under this program are not adequate to maintain the present rate of expenditure for this extended period of time, no extension of funds is requested as it is believed that Phase I can be completed during this interval with the funds at present allocated.

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Early during the development work under research order #13 it became recognized that in order to establish the feasibility of this item, it would be necessary to do a large amount of work beyond that ordinarily included in the scope of Phase I and which was ordinarily included in the scope of Phase II.

As a result of these changes from the anticipated work estimated for Phase I, it was necessary to request a transfer of funds as well as an extension of time to Phase I. This transfer of [] to Phase I from the moneys assigned to Phase II was made on March 23, 1955.

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As a result of this transfer of funds and extended time, the feasibility of the item has been established. However, this transfer of funds from Phase II has depleted the funds remaining in that assigned to the phase to the place where it is doubtful if the work required under this phase can be completed without the assignment of additional funds.

Based on the experience gained during the work in Phase I and the first part of Phase II, it is now evident that the unit cost per item to be delivered in Phase III will be somewhat less than had been anticipated in the original scope and cost estimate of Phase III. This lower anticipated cost for Phase III will permit a transfer of funds from this phase to Phase II without impairing the completion of all three phases of the task within the funds assigned for the program.

A cost estimate has been prepared for Phase II which is attached. Upon this cost estimate has been noted the funds remaining in Phase II and the amount required for transfer from Phase III. Based upon this cost estimate it is requested that in addition to funds already allocated to Phase II, the amount of [] be transferred to Phase II from Phase III to make up the total of [] which has been estimated as required to cover the work under Phase II for the period beginning May 1, 1955 through October 30, 1955.

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It is proposed that a conference be held in the immediate future to agree on the requirements of the item and from the results of that conference a revised and more exact scope be established.

As soon as possible, a definite agreement should be reached on design of the item and a further definition of its requirements and capabilities.

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C O S T E S T I M A T E

Material

Test Equipment

Travel and Miscellaneous

Labor 3,000 Eng. hours

 2,000 Shop hours

Overhead

Sub Total I

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Sub Total II

Fee

TOTAL

Remaining in Phase II

Requested reallocation of
funds from Phase III

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Cost breakdown of the funds requested to be transferred
from Phase II to Phase I of Research Order #13.

Materials

Jigs and Fixtures

Flight tests: travel and other expenses

Labor:

Design and Development Engineering

Testing and Experimental

Engineering Overhead,

Shop Labor 150 hours

Shop Overhead,

Subtotal I

G & A

Subtotal II

Fee

TOTAL

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"Leaflet Rocket"